

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7:00 pm

Webex meeting recording:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/ldr.php?RCID=b339d661985f72a3b9922a2fcdb166a8>

Attendees:

- Commissioners: Karen Askin, Melissa Beattie, Frances Bevington, Susan Hoffmann, Howard Jung, Liz Ortuzar, Brian Rogers
- Elected Official: Mayor Monique Ashton, Council Liaison
- City Staff: Linda Moran, Assistant to the City Manager; Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager, Staff Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Welcome: Karen Askin, Commission Chair

Approval of Minutes of the September 2025 Meeting: Karen Askin

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Howard Jung; All in favor: Unanimous.

Chair Report: Karen Askin

Reported on the dedication of *Flight of Fancy*, by artist Andy Dahl, in College Gardens Park.

Mayor Report: Mayor Monique Ashton, The Mayor and Council Liaison

No report.

Staff Report: Anne O'Dell, Arts and Culture Program Manager and Staff Liaison

Commissioner questions to the city's Executive Leadership Team:

- Questions were asked by Commissioners Askin and Bevington about the city's policy development process.
- Mayor Ashton commented it is for legal reasons that the City Attorney reviews ordinance revisions before they are given to the Mayor and Council.

Committee Updates

- Art in Public Places Temporary Works Committee - Francis Bevington
 - Update on the dedication of *Flight of Fancy*, by artist Andy Dahl, in College Gardens Park.
- Art in Public Places Permanent Works Committee - Liz Ortuzar
 - Liz Ortuzar gave an update on the David Scull Park Public Art Project.

- Vote to recommend artist Dina Fisher be contracted for the Memory Walk Park Public Art Project. Liz Ortuzar provided a summary of why Dina Fisher is being recommended for the project.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation of the Art Selection Committee and for the CAC to recommend Dina Fisher's proposal for approval to the Mayor and Council made by Liz Ortuzar; Seconded by Frances Bevington; All in favor: Unanimous.

Old Business

Howard Jung attended the September 29, 2025, worksession with staff and the Mayor and Council on the King Farm Farmstead redevelopment plans.

Karen Askin spoke of the importance of commissioners engaging in planning processes early and regularly.

New Business

None

Announcements

Karen Askin: VisArts is offering a free collage class to furloughed and unemployed federal workers weekly during the government shutdown. Frances Bevington will assist Commissioner Askin in teaching the classes.

Susan Hoffmann: discussed the upcoming F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival logistics.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Hoffmann; Seconded by Liz Ortuzar; All in favor: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Minutes approved November 12, 2025.